







# Daily Democ.

## SECOND EDITION.

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## LATEST.

### WASHINGTON.

Awful Calamity—A Woman and Four Children Burned to Death.

In the Present. C. W. Telegraph.

One of the most awful calamities that ever happened in this section of Canada occurred on the 15th of July, in the town of Angus, where the wife of an old man, and four little children were burned literally to ashes. The old man, consisting of the father, who is an old man of seventy years of age, and his wife, who is a widow, occupied a log house sixteen feet square, built against a bank. John, the eldest of the children, about seventeen years of age, had been sent to the village of Angus for the night, some distance away, but on that fatal night had returned home. As soon as he arrived, he ran into a house which had ignited a fire, and prepared him some food. The cookstove stood in a kind of porch or stoop in front of the house, and he observed before he entered that the door was open. He then stepped into the house, and after closing the door, he stepped into the room, and saw that a fire was still burning in the stove. His mother returned about the same time, and the children, and the old man, were all safe. The room on the ground floor contained two beds, one of which was occupied by this boy, and three children, viz: Mary, aged seven years; James, three years, and Alice, an infant about six months old. The room above was occupied by his father and Cecilia, a girl about nine years

old.

"evidence before the coroner's

inquest,"—every detail that he spoke of.

In about a week, and discovered that the

house, and porch were

burned to the ground.

He tried to open the outer

door, but was unable to do so.

He then stepped into the room, and

was immediately overcome by the

smoke and flames.

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